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Coroner Investigator's Report

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	Cause D Intraabdominal adhesions, remote								Inter	val Years			
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	Paul W. Herrmann												



Investigator Narrative

Decedent:

RICHARDSON, John Anthony

Case Number: Investigator:

2016-03766 Shawn Sobrero

First Call Information:

On Tuesday, December 13, 2016, about 0301 hours, San Leandro Hospital reported the undetermined death of John Anthony Richardson, a 48 year old black male. For clarity, John Richardson will be referred to as Richardson throughout this report. All other involved parties with Richardson as a surname will referred to by their first name. Nurse T. Johnson told me the following in summary.

On Monday, December 12, 2016, about 1257 hours, Richardson was released from Santa Rita Jail.

About 2129 hours, Paramedics Plus medics observed Richardson lying unresponsive on the ground near the intersection of 85th Avenue and International Boulevard in the City of Oakland.

About 2138 hours, paramedics triaged Richardson.

About 2151 hours, Richardson was transported from the scene to San Leandro Hospital.

About 2200 hours, Richardson was admitted to the San Leandro Hospital Emergency Department. Doctors suspected Richardson had a bowel obstruction and were confirming their suspicions with medical tests.

On Tuesday, December 13, 2016, about 0209 hours, Doctor Barriac pronounced Richardson's death in the emergency room after Richardson became pulse less and could not be revived.

Three vials of blood were drawn from Richardson before treatment was begun. The vials of blood were collected and left with Richardson's body in the morgue. (SS1832)

About 0450 hours, I notified I.T.R. Sergeant R. Gonzales #1567 of Richardson's death. Sergeant Gonzales said he would notify the Santa Rita Jail Watch Commander of Richardson's death. I emailed medical records and medic run sheets to Sergeant Gonzales. (SS1832)

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Richardson had a history of Richardson was

. Richardson made no attempt to notify

Santa Rita Jail staff of any medical problems during his most recent incarceration or prior to being released. Richardson's medical records from San Leandro Hospital, Highland Hospital and Santa Rita Jail were requested and received. Richardson's medical records were reviewed and placed in the case file. (SS1832)

Description of the Death/Injury Scene:



Richardson died in the San Leandro Hospital Emergency Room, located in the City of San Leandro. (SS1832)

Body Identification: I (Sobrero) located an image record from the California Department of Motor Vehicles database (Cal Photo) belonging to John Anthony Richardson (Cal Photo). I compared Richardson's photograph and physical descriptors to the decedent and they appeared to match. (SS1832)
On December 14, 2016, I (Henshaw) received a fax from Central Identification Bureau for a fingerprint comparison of Richardson. The comparison of fingerprints from the decedent matched the fingerprints on file with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Personal File Number , associated with the name John Anthony Richardson (DOB 3/28/1968). The fingerprint comparison fax was placed in the case file. (JDH1886)
Next of Kin Investigation: On Tuesday, December 13, 2016, I (Sobrero) performed a search for Richardson's next of kin. I utilized the Accurint database, Santa Rita Jail emergency contact records, and county hospital records. I left several phone messages with potential family and friends, but I was unable to speak with anyone who knew Richardson. (SS1832)
On Wednesday, December 14, 2016, I (Sobrero) contacted Danielle at Strides-Tele Care, a mental health care provider. Danielle provided phone numbers for Richardson's emergency contacts. The phone numbers were eventually determined disconnected. (SS1832)
On Wednesday, December 14, 2016, about 2000 hours, I (Sobrero) contacted Richardson's cousin, at a home shared with Richardson's grandmother, was home, but indicated she was incapacitated with severe dementia. I notified of Richardson's death and explained the Coroner's involvement.
told me Richardson was not married and had no children. Richardson's mother, was Richardson's legal Next of Kin (NOK). Said the Richardson family were not in communication with each other. Contacted his mother to see if she had contact information mother, and called me later and provided Richardson's sister, phone number. I contacted and she said she was notified of tichardson's death by family. Later gave me phone number.
about 2200 hours, I (Sobrero) spoke with by telephone. It told me she was notified of confirmed Richardson's death earlier in the day by her daughter, confirmed Richardson was never narried and had no children. I informed of the Coroner's involvement and expenses in tichardson's case. Understood, and agreed to start making Richardson's funeral arrangements. told me Richardson had a long history of drug abuse and mental illness. (SS1832)
Other Agency Reports: on Friday, August 04, 2006, the Oakland Police Officer I. Padilla #7657 wrote police report #06-066642

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to document a 245 (a) (1) PC stabbing incident involving John Richardson. (SS1832)



On Tuesday, February 07, 2017, I (Sobrero) received an e-mailed copy of Officer Padilla's police report which documented Richardson I reviewed the report and placed it in the case file. (SS1832)

On Tuesday, February 21, 2017, I (Sobrero) notified the Oakland Police Department Homicide Division of Richardson's death having been mannered a homicide and the relationship to Officer Padilla's 245 (a) (1) PC report, #06-066642. (SS1832)

Property and Evidence:

I (Sobrero) issued Coroner's receipt #37614 to the staff of San Leandro Hospital for Richardson's body and property. Richardson's property was documented in CME and deposited in the overnight storage container at the Coroner's Bureau. Richardson's body, intake blood samples, and clothing were placed into cooling in the morgue. (SS1832)

On Thursday, December 15, 2016, authorized the release of Richardson's body and Paul Newton, representing Best Cremation Care of California, removed Richardson from the Coroner's Bureau morgue. (SS1832)

On Wednesday, January 11, 2017, Richardson's property was released to Richardson's mother, (SS1832)

Coroners Fees:

Coroner's fees for body removal and body preparation totaled \$400.00 in this case. (SS1832)

As of Sunday, February 19, 2017, Coroner's fees totaling \$400.00 were outstanding in this case. (SS1832)

Investigative Details:

On Tuesday, December 13, 2016, Deputy B. Wilson and I (Sobrero) arrived at San Leandro Hospital to complete Richardson's removal. I found Richardson in the morgue, outside of cooling, inside a white body bag on a hospital gurney. I opened the body bag and found Richardson lying supine dressed in a hospital gown. Medical therapy was in place and an identification wrist band was labeled with the name John Richardson. I performed a limited external examination of Richardson and found him warm to the touch with no rigor mortis or livor mortis present. Richardson had a large vertical scar on his lower abdomen that appeared old. A light brown fluid was present on a towel near Richardson's mouth that smelled like human feces. No traumatic injuries were seen. I took several digital photographs of Richardson to document his condition. Richardson was prepared for transportation and placed in the Coroner's van.

I collected three vials of Richardson's intake blood and medical records before leaving the hospital.

About 0414 hours, we arrived at the Coroner's Bureau and processed Richardson into the morgue. Digital photographs were taken at intake. I later downloaded all the case photographs to a CD/R and placed it in the case file.



About 0445 hours, I researched Richardson's arrest history and confirmed Richardson was recently released from the Santa Rita Jail.

On Wednesday, September 07, 2016, Richardson was arrested and housed in Housing Unit 01, F Pod, Cell 8. (SS1832)

On Monday, December 12, 2016, about 1257 hours, Richardson was released from Santa Rita Jail. (SS1832)

About 0450 hours, I notified Intake, Transfer and Release (ITR) Sergeant R. Gonzales of Richardson's death. Sergeant Gonzales said he would notify Santa Rita Jail command staff of the incident. (SS1832)

On Tuesday, December 13, 2016, about 1030 hours, Coroner's Pathologist Doctor Paul W. Herrmann performed Richardson's autopsy and ordered toxicology testing on a sample of Richardson's intake blood. Richardson's intake blood was drawn in the emergency room of San Leandro Hospital just prior to Richardson's death. Dr. Herrmann deferred entering Richardson's cause of death until after the toxicology test results were known. (SS1832)

On Thursday, December 15, 2016, Central Valley Toxicology (CVT) performed a complete drug screening on a sample of Richardson's hospital intake blood. CVT's report indicated no common acidic, neutral or basic drugs, or ethyl alcohol was detected in the sample provided. (SS1832)

On Wednesday, January 11, 2017, about 0600 hours, Dr. Hermann documented Richardson's cause of death as "Sepsis, due to small bowel obstruction, due to focally necrotic small bowel volvulus, due to intraabdominal adhesions, remote." The intervals from onset for the causes given ranged between hours and days. (SS1832)

Findings

On Monday, February 27, 2017, I (Sobrero) reviewed this case for the purpose of determining Richardson's manner of death. I examined Officer Padilla's 2006 police report, Richardson's Highland Hospital medical records from 2006, my investigative narrative, Dr. Herrmann's autopsy protocol and CVT's toxicology report.

According to Officer Padilla's police report, Richardson was	
. Richardson underwent	
. Dr. Herrmann's autopsy revealed)
	Dr.
Herrmann documented Richardson's cause of death as "Sepsis", a direct result of a twisted and	
constricted bowel. Richardson's death was mannered as a homicide because the injuries to Richa	rdson's
intestines were a direct result of	

On Tuesday, February 28, 2017, about 1940 hours, I (Sobrero) notified Oakland Police Sergeant Omar Daza-Quiroz of the manner of Richardson's death. I forwarded copies of the autopsy protocol and my investigative narrative to Sgt. Daza-Quiroz via e-mail. (SS1832)



Supervisor Review:

On Wednesday, March 01, 2017, I (Sgt. R. Macintire) reviewed this case and found it to be complete. I concurred with the findings and approved this case for closure. (RM #1632)

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Coroner's Bureau 2901 Peralta Oaks Court, 2nd Floor, Oakland, CA 94605-5319



Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff

Director of Emergency Services Coroner - Marshal

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 13, 2016

FROM:

Paul W. Herrmann, M.D.

TO:

Case File 2016-03766

SUBJECT:

AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Autopsy performed upon the body of John Anthony Richardson at the Coroner's Bureau, 2901 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California, on December 13, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- INTESTINAL OBSTRUCTION DUE TO VOLVULUS OF THE SMALL BOWEL WITH FOCAL AREA OF EARLY NECROSIS OF THE SMALL BOWEL.
- 2) MARKED CONGESTION AND EDEMA OF THE LUNGS.
- HOSPITAL BLOOD SAMPLE: NO SIGNIFICANT TOXICOLOGIC 3) FINDINGS.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

SEPSIS DUE TO SMALL BOWEL OBSTRUCTION DUE TO FOCALLY NECROTIC SMALL BOWEL VOLVULUS DUE TO INTRAABDOMINAL ADHESIONS, REMOTE. Other condition: ABDOMINAL SURGICAL SCAR,

REMOTE.

CC: **EMS**

Body of JOHN ANTHONY RICHARDSON

EXTERNAL	EXAMINATION

- 2 The body is that of a well-developed adult black male
- 3 appearing consistent with the stated age of 48 years, weighing
- 4 154 pounds and measuring 74 inches. The hair is black and in
- 5 dreadlocks. Some lice is seen in the hair. There is a shaggy
- 6 beard and mustache. The irides are brown. The conjunctivae
- 7 show no abnormalities. A number of teeth are missing in the
- 8 lower arch and some are rotted at the gum line. The same is
- 9 true of the upper arch. There is complete rigidity of the neck,
- 10 jaw, and extremities. Minimal lividity is present on the back.
- 11 There is the following evidence of MEDICAL TREATMENT:
- 1) An endotracheal tube is clamped in place at the right
- 13 corner of the mouth.
- 14 2) A resuscitative electrode pad is present on the midchest
- 15 and another is present on the left lateral chest.
- 16 3) Several EKG pads are adherent to the anterior torso.
- 17 4) A hospital identification band is about the right wrist
- 18 with the name "John A. Richardson."
- 19 5) A bandaged needle puncture on the lateral aspect of the
- 20 right wrist.
- 21 6) An intracath is taped in place in right antecubital
- 22 fossa.

- 7) A bandaged needle puncture mark is on left biceps area.
- 24 8) An intracath is taped in place in left antecubital
- 25 fossa.
- 26 TRAUMA
- There is no evidence of trauma to the face or head and none
- 28 is present on the neck.
- The chest and abdomen show no recent blunt trauma.
- No blunt trauma is seen on the left upper extremity
- 31 including the hand. There is an old Band-Aid present on the
- 32 distal phalanx of the long finger. No definite lesion is seen
- 33 beneath the Band-Aid. The fingernails are very dirty and of
- 34 moderate length.
- There is no evidence of blunt trauma to the right upper
- 36 extremity including the hand. There is a healing abrasion on
- 37 the dorsum of the hand which is nearly completely healed. It is
- 38 a round abrasion measuring approximately 1/4 inch in diameter
- 39 with eschar at its edges.
- 40 No needle punctures or needle puncture scars are seen over
- 41 accessible veins.
- The right lower extremity shows a healing abrasion on the
- 43 lateral aspect of the right knee. This measures 1/2 inch in
- 44 diameter with a small more recent abrasion extending downward

- 45 from it for 1 inch. This abrasion measures 1/16 inch in width.
- 46 The remainder of the right lower extremity shows no evidence of
- 47 trauma.
- There is no evidence of recent trauma to the left lower
- 49 extremity.
- There is some stasis dermatitis involving both ankles and
- 51 scattered pigmented scars are seen in the pretibial areas of the
- 52 legs and on the knees.
- There is a vertical abdominal surgical scar measuring 7
- 54 inches in length and the abdominal wall is quite tense.
- There is an irregular L-shaped scar on the dorsum of the
- 56 right hand measuring approximately 1 inch in length and a few
- 57 pigmented scars are scattered on the dorsum of the right hand.
- There is an irregular depigmented scar on the dorsum of the
- 59 left hand overlying the second metacarpal. It measures 1 inch
- in length and there are two round pigmented scars on the dorsum
- of the hand each measuring 1/2 inch in diameter.
- There is a slightly keloid-forming scar on the lateral
- 63 aspect of the left shoulder at the inferior aspect of the
- 64 deltoid muscular area. It measures 1-1/4 inches in length and
- 65 1/2 inch in width, and a similar parallel scar is seen beneath
- 66 it measuring 1-1/4 inches in length.

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Body of JOHN ANTHONY RICHARDSON

67	INTERNAL EXAMINATION
68	Y-SHAPED THORACOABDOMINAL AND INTERMASTOIDAL INCISIONS are
69	made.
70	HEAD: There is no evidence of trauma to the scalp. The
71	subcutaneous tissue, galea and skull show no abnormalities. The
72	meninges show no abnormalities. The external surface of the
73	brain shows no abnormality though it is somewhat pale. The
74	brain weighs 1400 grams. Cut sections of the brain show no
75	internal abnormalities. The vessels of the base of the brain
76	are normal. The base of the skull is normal.
77	NECK ORGANS: The soft tissues of the neck and the cervical
78	spine are unremarkable. The laryngeal and tracheal cartilages
79	and hyoid bone are intact. The airway is patent. The
80	endotracheal tube is in its proper position. A nasogastric tube
81	extends down the cervical esophagus. The thyroid gland is of
82	normal size and is unremarkable on cut section.
83	CHEST: There is no evidence of trauma to the chest wall.
84	The ribs are intact. The lungs fill the pleural spaces. There
85	is no free fluid present.
86	LUNGS: The left lung weighs 900 grams. The right lung
87	weighs 700 grams. The pulmonary arteries and bronchi are

unremarkable. The pulmonary parenchyma is markedly congested

- 89 and extremely edematous.
- 90 HEART: The pericardial sac contains a small amount of
- 91 clear yellow fluid. The external surface of the heart shows no
- 92 abnormality. The heart weighs 360 grams. The coronary arteries
- 93 on cut section show no atherosclerosis. The right coronary
- 94 artery is dominant. The cardiac chambers and valves show no
- 95 abnormalities. The left ventricular wall is slightly thickened
- 96 measuring 15 mm, right ventricle is 2 mm. There is no evidence
- 97 of any scarring. The foramen ovale is closed. The
- 98 interventricular septum is unremarkable. The descending
- 99 thoracic and abdominal aorta shows no abnormality.
- 100 ABDOMEN: The abdominal fat is 3/8 inch at the umbilicus.
- 101 The organs are in their normal positions. The stomach is
- 102 markedly distended. The small bowel is extremely distended and
- 103 there are numerous adhesions between the loops of small bowel.
- 104 The diaphragm is adherent to the liver and the stomach is
- 105 adherent to the liver. There is no free fluid present in the
- 106 abdominal cavity.
- 107 LIVER: The liver weighs 1800 grams. The capsular surface
- 108 is smooth. The parenchyma is maroon-brown in color and
- 109 congested. The gallbladder and extrahepatic ducts are
- 110 unremarkable.

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- SPLEEN: The spleen weighs 80 grams. The capsule is
- 112 smooth. The parenchyma is unremarkable on cut section.
- 113 PANCREAS: The pancreas is of normal size. It retains a
- 114 firm, tan and lobular architecture.
- ADRENAL GLANDS: The adrenals are equal in size. The
- 116 cortices are dull, yellow in color. The medullae are
- 117 unremarkable.
- 118 GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT: The mucosa of the esophagus is
- 119 unremarkable. The gastric mucosa is slightly congested. The
- 120 stomach is filled with a voluminous amount of slightly frothy
- 121 yellow fluid which has a strong fecal odor. The duodenum and
- 122 small bowel contain similar material throughout its entire
- 123 length. The small bowel is markedly distended. There is a loop
- 124 of small bowel in the pelvic area which is twisted upon itself
- 125 and there is some fibrosis between these two loops. At the site
- 126 of the twisted bowel there is an area where the bowel is
- 127 markedly congested and on cut section has a very thin possibly
- 128 necrotic appearance. The serosa of the bowel, at this point,
- 129 shows an exudate over a distance of approximately 3 inches.
- 130 This is an area of small bowel volvulus and is undoubtedly the
- 131 source of intestinal obstruction leading to the marked
- 132 dilatation of the small bowel. When this portion of the bowel

Body of JOHN ANTHONY RICHARDSON

133	is opened over a distance of approximately 3-4 inches, the bowel
134	wall is markedly congested. This is not seen elsewhere. The
135	large intestine is intact and contains solid fecal material
136	throughout its entire length. It is not involved by any of the
137	adhesions. There is no generalized peritonitis. It is confined
138	to the bowel at the site of volvulus.
139	GENITOURINARY TRACT: The kidneys are equal in size
140	weighing 170 grams each. The capsules strip with difficulty.
141	The cortical surfaces are smooth. On cut section the kidneys
142	show no abnormality. The renal vessels, pelves and ureters are
143	in their normal positions. The urinary bladder is empty. The
144	bladder mucosa has a somewhat congested appearance.
145	The prostate gland is of normal size and is unremarkable on
146	cut section. Testes are palpated in the scrotum. The penis is
147	circumcised.
148	The thoracic and lumbar spine are unremarkable.
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151 152	Paul W. Herrmann, M.D.
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Case Name:

TOXICOLOGY NUMBER: CVT-16-12460

Richardson,

John

Hospital samples: 4 ml blood (3 vials) each labeled "Richardson, John A; 03/28/68;

Specimen Description:

48/M; U# F000314037; 1212; (1 vial) 2322 hrs; (1 vial) 2325 hrs; (1 vial) 2328 hrs"

Postmortem sample: 4 ml vitreous humor labeled "Richardson, John; 2016-03766;

12/13/2016"

Delivered by

Date

15-Dec-16

Received by

Bill Posey

Date 15-Dec-16

Request: Complete Drug Screen

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Agency Case # 2016-03766

Requesting Agency

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office

Attn: Acct's Payable

2901 Peralta Oaks Ct., 2nd Floor

Oakland CA 94605

Report To

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office

Attn: Dr. Herrmann

2901 Peralta Oaks Ct., 2nd Floor

Oakland CA 94605

RESULTS

Specimen: Hospital Blood (Lavender Top Vial-12/12, 2325 hrs) Sample

Complete Drug Screen: No common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected.

No Ethyl Alcohol detected.

Specimen: Vitreous Humor Sample

Vitreous Panel: Glucose < 20 mg/dL

> Sodium $= 142 \quad \text{mmol/L}$ Potassium = 5.6 mmol/LChloride = 115 mmol/L

> > 12/28/2016 VG

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December 20, 2016